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AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

USCINCEUR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 1823

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SUBJECT: MALTA: PROPOSED ALLIED MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SPECIAL
PAYMENTS

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REF: (A) VALLETTA 671 (B) STATE 64125

SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES
AGREED AD REFERENDUM APRIL 12 TO TEXT OF MEMO TO GOM,
REQUESTING THAT AMBASSADOR GETZ DELIVER IT WHEN APPROVED.
WHILE NOT AS DETAILED AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED, ER
THINK DRAFTCOVERS ESSENTIAL U. S. POINTSREQUESTED.
WASHINGTON TO APPROVE DRAFT MEMO AND SUPPLY FIGURE FOR U. S.
MAY 14 SPECIAL PAYMENT NOT LATER THAN OPENING OF BUSINESS
HERE APRIL 16. END SUMMARY.

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE ALLIED COUNTRIES OFFERING SPECIAL
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO MALTA MET APRIL 10 AND 12 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE
TO MALTESE LETTER OF MARCH 30. DESPITE FRG RESERVATIONS ABOUT

SENDING WRITTEN REPLY, ALLIED REPS AGREED TO DRAFT BELOW,
AD REFERENDUM TO THEIR CAPITALS AND THEN TO COUNCIL.

2. MOST REPS SUPPORTED FRG ARGUMENTS THAT ANY COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE AS SHORT AND SPARE AS POSSIBLE, AND U. S. REP THEREFORE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FOR REITERATING AND MAKING ALLIED POINTS IN GREATER DETAIL. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE PROPOSED TEXT CONTAINS EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICITLY ALL POINTS IN OUR INSTRUCTIONS (REF B). AS TO CLARIFYING TERM " SIMILAR PAYMENTS" (PARA 3 REFTEL B), WE CONSIDER POINT IS ADEQUATELY COVERED IN PARA 4 OF THE ALLIES' MARCH 28 MEMORANDUM WHICH TIES POSSIBLE SPECIAL PAYMENTS " TO THE EXCHANGE SITUATION PREVAILING AT THE TIME." AS REGARDS TELLING THE GOM REGULARLY ON APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 1 OF ANY SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE AFTER 1973, WE BELIEVE ALLIED ACTIONS THIS YEAR COULD ADEQUATELY SET THE PATTERN FOR ANY FUTURE PAYMENTS. WE RECOMMEND WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT TEXT.

3. REGARDING PROCEDURES, THE FIVE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO SEEK THEIR GOVERNMENTS' APPROVAL OF DRAFT TEXT BY NOON, APRIL 16, WHEREUPON THE SECRETARIAT WOULD ASK FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL UNDER THE " SILENCE PROCEDURE" BY APRIL 17 OR 18. THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES ASKED THAT THE U. S. AND AMBASSADOR GETZ ONCE AGAIN AGREE TO HIS PRESENTING THE MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE.

4. THE AMOUNTS OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY CAPITALS. WASHINGTON PLEASE PROVIDE U. S. FIGURE.

5. ITALIAN REP CONFIRMED AMEMBASSY VALLETTA' S REPORT THAT ITALY HAD PROMISED " SIMILAR PAYMENTS" TO GOM YEARLY THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF UK- MALTA AGREEMENT. HE SOUGHT ASSURANCE THAT OTHERS WOULD MAKE PROVISIONS IN THEIR BUDGETS IN CASE " SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" WERE TO LEAD TO POSITIVE DECISION REGARDING FUTURE PAYMENTS. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING TO GOM BEYOND THE " SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" FORMULA, NETHERLANDS HAD IN FACT BUDGETED FOR 1974 PAYMENT UNDER UK- MALTA AGREEMENT ON SAME BASIS AS BEFORE POUND DEVALUATION, AND THUS WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE EXTRA
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MONIES FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEYOND 1973. FRG, BELGIAN AND U. S. REPS SAID THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR COUNTRIES' BUDGETARY PLANS. U. S. REP CAUTIONED AGAINST FOLLOWING THE ITALIAN EXAMPLE OF UNDERTAKING COMMITMENTS BEYOND " SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION." COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING OUR STATEMENT, WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THAT ITALIANS WILL RELAY NETHERLANDS COMMENT TO GOM. END COMMENT.

6. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT MEMORANDUM

ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE CONTRIBUTING ALLIED COUNTRIES-
BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, THE
NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES - I WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING
THE ACCOUNT OR ACCOUNTS INTO WHICH SPECIAL PAYMENTS -
RELATED TO THE EXISTING UK- MALTA AGREEMENT - SHOULD BE MADE,
IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING DATE OF THE FIRST
INSTALLMENT, I. E., 14 TH MAY.

2. CONCERNING YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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